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*Received.*—"J. P.," "Old Subscriber" (Hull), "M. P.," "S. S. T.," "Mr. T.," "Mr. H. H. P." (statement alluded to has not reached us), "W. C." (try warm water, or Cundy's Ventilating Stove), "W. P. G." (thanks), "W. G. C.," "J. A. P.," Mr. F. "Y." (inquire of the secretary at the school, Somerset House), "Mr. B.," "J. M. L.," "C. R.," "W. M." (We should say, yes), "Hral" (The College of Chemistry is in Hanover-square, northwest corner; analyses can be made there or at the Polytechnic Institution, Regent-street), "One of the Competitors," "J. D." Newark (We do not know the plaster named), "Quondam," "J. B.," "S. L.," "A Subscriber," "J. B. L.," "J. A. N.," "The Gloucester Book of the British Archæological Association" (Bohn, York-street, London); Weale's Treatises: "Geology," by Col. Portlock, and "Well-digging," &c., by J. G. Swindell; "Supply of Water to London by Henley Works;" "The History of Ireland," by Thomas Wright, M.A. (Tallis); "Materials for a New Style of Ornamentation, consisting of Subjects drawn from Nature," by Henry Whitaker (the Author, 72, Newman-street, and Weale); "The Practical Cabinet-maker's Treasury of Designs," by H. Whitaker (Fisher and Son), Parts 16 to 18; "Harbours of Refuge," by W. H. Smith (Longman); "Tait's Magazine" for January; "Con. Cregan," No. 1 (Orr and Co., London).

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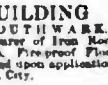

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